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Abbey Stockwell
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Re: Phase II Municipal Stormwater Report for the Unincorporated Port Angeles Urban Growth Area(PAUGA)

Dear Ms Stockwell:

Please thank your colleagues for meeting with us on September 28, 2018. It is apparent from our meeting that we all agree that water quality is important for all of us now and into the future. However, we have different views on how and when we will accomplish this goal.

Also, consider looking more closely at Clallam County and its efforts to improve our stormwater regulations and recognize that we realize that we will eventually need to conform to the Phase II criteria. In the meantime, according to Washington Office of Financial Management we have not yet met Ecology's threshold of 1,000 residents for the MS4 unincorporated PAUGA; it stands to reason that we should at least be able to continue development with our existing stormwater regulations, with some upgrades, until that threshold is met.

Our goal in the Department of Community Development is that we continue to work towards Phase II standards and by the time that we reach the 1,000 residents threshold we will basically be in Phase II compliance. This would allow the development community to accept compliance without it seemingly being forced on them all at once. It would also allow us to encourage some limited development in some of the most rundown areas of the unincorporated PAUGA. We need affordable housing. Much of the medical profession, such as nurses and lab technicians, which we so desperately need here in Clallam County, cannot find housing. They are living in RV parks until housing becomes available.

My hope is that when people see how some of these areas can and will improve, the building community will be more willing to increase the cost of construction, knowing that there will be return on their investment. We are talking about 30 to 35 single family homes. That may not sound like much to you, but it can make a tremendous difference adding it to our affordable housing stock.

I know that it has taken us longer than you think it should to improve our existing standards, but we have and will continue to advance the County's stormwater management.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mary Ellen Winborn".

Mary Ellen Winborn
Clallam County Community Development Director